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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Hearings by the Senate Government Operations Permanent
Subcommittee on Investigations -- U.S. Government
Efforts Abroad to Develop Intelligence on Foreign
Narcotics Trafficking

1. Fletcher Adkinson, staff member of the Subcommittee, called requesting a preliminary meeting with Agency representatives to discuss the Agency's requested appearance to testify during hearings the Subcommittee is holding the week of 23 August or the first part of September to determine the full nature and extent of U.S. Government efforts abroad to collect and produce intelligence on foreign narcotics trafficking.

2. The Subcommittee is particularly interested in the historical development of the DEA; the nature and extent of the Agency's relationship with DEA; and the Agency's role in the collection and production of intelligence on the subject of narcotics. The Subcommittee has already taken testimony from former DEA and other former Government officials who claimed there is duplication of effort and responsibilities are not clear.

3. Adkinson noted that E.O. 11905, "U.S. Foreign Intelligence Activities," places the primary responsibility for the collection and production of intelligence on foreign trafficking of narcotics upon the Agency. The Subcommittee wants to know how the Agency is carrying out this responsibility and whether other U.S. Government agencies should be closely interfaced with CIA. For example, should the Bureau of Customs be given a role and should DEA's responsibilities abroad be expanded.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

4. Adkinson asked for a preliminary meeting the latter part of next week with an Agency specialist in the field of narcotics to discuss in detail the Subcommittee's inquiry and what they want the Agency to cover. If necessary, Agency testimony can be given in Executive session, however, they want a general presentation in open session. The invitation is extended to the Director or his designated senior representative. Adkinson will send a letter making a formal request if we consider it necessary.

5. I told Adkinson I would get back to him as to the Agency's response.



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